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November 17, 7-8 p.m., Ann Arbor Comedy Club
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— Amanda Gale, #573

Being alive.
— Maurice Lyman, #

I'm thankful things aren't worse than they already are.
— James Manning, #16

I'm thankful for change.
— Joe Woods, #103

God.
— Teresa Basham, #570

Life.
— Fred Allen, #170

Winning bets, making money.
— B-Man, #172

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— James Tennant, #174

My kids, especially my daughter. She just got accepted to three colleges and universities.
— Sean Almond, #57

Sunshine! It makes me want to sell papers.
— Miles Hubbell, #580

A place to live.
— Denise Shearer, #485

Real friends.
— Jim Clark, Vendor Manager

I'm thankful to still be alive; I just wish my older brother was still with us.
— Hal Klenk, #88

Coming to Ann Arbor to discover myself. For my new friend who has been very affirming and supportive to me.
— Christopher Ellis, #483

What would YOU ask?

If you have a question you would like Groundcover vendors to answer in this column, email us at contact@groundcovernews.com

We will be featuring vendor responses in future issues.

Groundcover News visits the Tecumseh Herald

Let me tell you about our wonderful tour of the Tecumseh Herald, Groundcover News' printer. It was me, Lindsay Calka, Jim Clark, Cynthia Price, Ken Parks and Paul Wertz.

When you first come in the door you will be greeted by Bonnie Love. She is very cheerful and was kind enough to give me paper and a pen to take some notes for this article. In my eagerness to take this tour, I left mine at the Groundcover office! Thank you Bonnie. Bonnie is the receptionist and says that she also helps out with other functions when needed.

We also met Jim Lincoln, the publisher of the Tecumseh Herald for 35 years now. Jim was such a delight. He and Ken Parks have a lot in common when it comes to the knowledge of history. Jim was our tour guide and we learned a lot about the history of the Tecumseh Herald paper.

We met the graphic artist Nanci Bridget, and the prepress crew: Noah Lightfoot and Koda



LA SHAWN COURTWRIGHT
Groundcover vendor No. 56

Woodward. What an awesome team! They all pitched in to show us the graphics process to print Groundcover News. In short, the material is sent from Lindsay via PDF, then software is used to put the images on metal plates. The metal plates are then washed out in a chemical bath to be reused. It was fascinating to see all of the equipment that makes up the graphics process. Great work everyone!

Then we went to meet John Hoffman, the press supervisor and Eric Parsons, the press operator. We witnessed the paper being printed — hot off the press! We saw John

setting the ink keys, side keys and the circumferential adjustment dials. The colors are printed one by one in this order: yellow, cyan, magenta and black. The circumferential adjustments help line the metal plates up to center the pages of the newspaper. These guys are a dynamic duo.

Although we did not meet the advertising agent Vicki Riddle, sports editor Jeff Papworth and the staff writer Jackie Koch we had the opportunity to see their workspace.

The Tecumseh Herald has been around since 1850. The archives from 1850 to 1928 are at the Tecumseh District Library. We actually viewed the 1929-1972 archives right at the Tecumseh Herald. They are located at 160 E. Logan Street in Tecumseh, Michigan.

As a writer and an author it was very enlightening to understand how papers and books are made. I didn't see a book being made though because their press doesn't print in a book format.



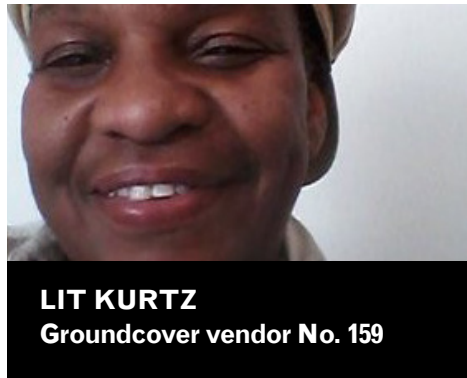
Top left: **Eric Parsons** examines the near-finished printed sheet of **Groundcover News**. Top right: **Paul Wertz** and **La Shawn Courtwright** are the first to read the **October 15 edition of Groundcover News** — hot off the press! Bottom: **Jim Lincoln** brought out the **1930s archives of The Tecumseh Herald newspaper**.

Is Michigan Homeless Awareness Month doomed to fail?

In 2021, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared November as Michigan Homeless Awareness Month.

Had there not been a pandemic, perhaps such a proclamation might never have been issued. Like many of the disparities in our country and state, the pandemic not only revealed the need for emergency shelter but also saw a concerted effort of agencies in what the proclamation refers to as “a combination of multiple factors and legislation, including moratoriums and diversion programs.”

Yet despite these efforts, rental assistance requests increased by over 70% while those at risk for homelessness increased by 95%. If nothing more, the COVID-19 pandemic was a revelation of the modern-day curse of homelessness that has plagued Michigan citizens for decades.



LIT KURTZ
Groundcover vendor No. 159

One of the paragraphs in the document states what has long been obvious for the many lives that have been impacted by homelessness for years. It reads: “...Whereas, a lack of affordable housing is a significant community issue impacting people seeking housing ...”

The reality is that it has long been a significant community issue and the COVID-19 pandemic not only

increased the dire need for help but also exposed the passive indifference and apathy of community citizens and some nonprofit agencies.

The indifference of the public towards the homelessness crisis remained constant even during the pandemic. Many appeared unfazed by the needs of those who were experiencing homelessness. For example, there was a collective silence from the media with virtually no public announcements or suggestions on how to assist homeless citizens.

And despite a 2010 database showing that there were 9,521 religious congregations in the state, most were essentially absent during the crisis as the dire need for distancing for shelter residents increased.

Having experienced homelessness for most of the previous decade, having a social media presence,

website and email address, only two people connected with me personally during the entire pandemic.

So while the declaration holds promise, there is also the fear that it may become just another document laden with stagnant verbiage. Even now, there is a glaring, foreboding flaw near the end that can undermine its success.

While it encourages the community to show gratitude to the “front-line-staff and provider partners” it fails to recognize that these are agencies staffed with people who have limited, if any, experience with homelessness.

Unless we the people who are really in the trenches are given respect and valued in the decisions made about ending our homelessness, the lens of awareness will remain clouded.

Housed, unhoused or homeless?

What is “domicile,” and how can we begin to look at that word to see different notions that could describe how we define classes of people? Communities are people, and where people come together, there begins the hard stuff of life, from the ugly, brutal and profane to the seemingly sublime. However, sometimes we seem to get lost along our way when we come together and organize our spaces. Possibly, it’s just our nature as primal beings that causes our world to show extreme signs of the need to stigmatize, place and categorize to the point of degradation of others in our systems.

Homelessness, or as I prefer to call it “Houselessness,” might in my view be the frontier ground to see how we are really living our lives in society. It is not hard to identify a homeless person, but it could be, when it comes to seeing that same person as inclusive in our communities, and not as one to just be “humanely” tolerated. The houseless person isn’t dwelling in the shadows, but is living in plain view. They are not hiding in the attic of our collective house peering into dim light onto the larger groups of people. Homelessness isn’t a non-organic monster haphazardly created out of nefarious thin air, instead I see it as organic human blood. It could be determined that it is a residual coming out of an otherwise functioning society; however, I see it as indeed the actual state of the whole collective.

A residual could be discarded as



CHRISTOPHER ELLIS
Groundcover vendor No. 483

lightly as a paper cup, or more massively as a landfill or incinerator. However, houselessness can’t be any more easily discarded or maintained as a landfill. To me homelessness is generic to a system that has otherwise well-bodied, intelligent and talented people living in destitution being dehumanized. Homelessness can only be “maintained” if it is not seen as part of the whole. If it is a dreg it might be seen as “normal” while at the same time we see that dreg as shameful, a shame that is useful for us. We can separate in a moral sense the useful need while seeing it as deplorable. It is deplorable in its actual state, and as we see it, but do we as a society need it?

Every individual in our communities is essential in our civic space. He or she is to be valued, but not as a category or as a species in the system. For a person to be in a category or class implies a situation to be controlled and placed. When I say that a homeless person is generic I mean that their houselessness, being

without a house is common. Not that it is common to be without a house, but is the housed person not ensnared in the machinery of political and government control to the ultimate detriment of liberty, health and happiness?

How do you define native to the land, air and soil, and how does it come to be that the majority of peoples of the world live in utter poverty, filth and degradation? How do you define freedom if it is not to breathe clean air, to live on uncontaminated soil, and to consume healthy and organic foods? Domicile is not to have become a human commodity and cash crop. To maintain a habitation (or to be maintained within a house) isn’t to have become a resource to be commercially recycled from generation to generation.

Domicile, as I chose to see it, appears to sound like “docile” when we are willing to live comfortable and convenient where mindless, cruel and human suffering is lived, in a real sense, from person to person. Most of us are not radical, nor harbor desires to disturb the status quo, or even feel a rational need to question the housing or other parameters of our lives. However, we are not given the luxury to be comfortable in silence while the world around us seems to be collapsing. It is a good thing to be civilly good, hopeful and positive in place, habitat and property, but when that comfort and content does not give

thoughtful, intent consideration to places and spaces around us, where there is abject poverty and suffering, we have become people that are sterile, placid and ineffectual for the common good.

When we begin to see that housed or unhoused can have implications that can better offer a frontier to be innovative and see impoverished circumstances in a new and more productive light, we might at first begin to be uneasy, timid, perplexed or even frightened. However, if we are diligent we will begin to break down the iron barriers that categorize.

I had a wonderful brother, now deceased, who was also a pastor in the city of Auburn Hills, and later in Rochester Hills. I was not officially homeless at the time, however, while riding with him through the city of Pontiac near a homeless shelter downtown, we saw homeless people wandering, even as they crossed our windshield at a traffic light. My brother mentioned to me that his experience has been that the plight of most of the homeless in his acquaintance was due to some character deficiency, or attitude problem. To me this was too broad a brush and probably was the quiet opinion of the majority. I have always seen the best in every person, and no one is without good traits. I could never position people within narrow categories even when there was glaring

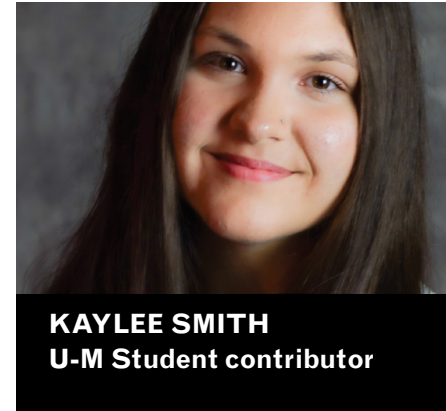
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Will Liberty Plaza continue to be a gathering spot welcoming to all?

Liberty Plaza has been a hotspot in downtown Ann Arbor since it was first constructed in 1977. The plaza is a .26-acre plot of land, lowered into the ground, structured in concrete, and includes a variety of greenery, water fountains, and a portable bathroom. Conveniently located on the corner of Division Street and Liberty Street, Liberty Plaza has been a central spot for many community gatherings over the years. Before the construction of Liberty Plaza, the corner was part of the estate where a successful early Ann Arbor settler built his historic Italian-style home, and there is a historical marker in its place.

Liberty Plaza today serves as a mecca for community activities such as a local event known as “Pizza in the Park” and a venue for many other events. “Pizza in the Park” is a weekly event put on by a local church that provides an opportunity to socialize and a free meal to anyone who attends. Another event held at Liberty Plaza, known as Sonic Lunch, began in 2008 as a summertime lunch activity, a series of free musical shows put on by the Bank of Ann Arbor. This activity had a one-year hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic but started back up again last summer.

The plaza is also used as a place where different associations can



KAYLEE SMITH
U-M Student contributor

provide education to the community about important topics and goals. For example, Ann Arbor for Public Power uses the plaza as a place to discuss transitioning the city of Ann Arbor into using public renewable energy sources. Liberty Plaza also serves as a location to directly benefit the environment with events like the ReChaco Roving Repairs Bus. At the beginning of September, the repair bus from the Chaco sandal brand offered free repairs for most sandals and the opportunity to create custom sandals in an attempt to extend the life of already existing sandals and keep pairs out of landfills. The plaza has been used every Thursday night as a venue for more modern activities, including the silent disco, where participants listen to three different stations of music on their pair of headphones, and various art exhibitions. Such events are aimed at the younger

community members of Ann Arbor.

However, while Liberty Plaza does host these many events, and is an essential location for the various members of Ann Arbor’s community, it is not inclusive of the entire community. Recent initiatives for anti-homeless renovations and policies threaten its inclusive reputation. While Liberty Plaza appears to be a lively, exciting, and happy place on the surface, when you dig a bit deeper past that surface, there’s much more to the story.

The location is crucial to the homeless community as a place to socialize, spend time, and feel safe. There have been many renovations in the past that added anti-homeless architecture like sectioned-off benches, and there are additional plans for renovations to make the space supposedly safer for the community. These changes are allegedly intended to benefit the Ann Arbor community as a whole, but they push out the homeless community. The proposed changes are intended to make the plaza look better on the surface and lower the likelihood of negative interactions, but this threatens the well-being of the homeless community and pushes towards the further gentrification of Ann Arbor.

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evidence that could support that view.

I have not spoken much about my own experience with homelessness, but I want to mention my first night on the street, with the hope to say something about the nature of mother earth, human goodness and the will and power to survive.

It was Christmas Eve. Hopefully, in the future I can reveal those circumstances that brought me there that cold wintry night. I was aware that night was coming on, but there is something about the will to survive, self dignity and hope that wouldn’t allow me to see the dire situation. For sure, I was scared as I wandered around in the cold. Maybe I was naive, I was in a foreign city. As the night grew closer I

grew more frightened and apprehensive, Christmas lights lit the trees in a beautiful array, and the rushing cars and people got fewer and fewer. I was surprised at how my survival instincts started to kick in. Thoughts of “Where am I going to sleep?,” “Where is a safe place to sleep?,” “It’s too cold” ran through my head. I began to wonder about personal safety, “Will I be attacked or mugged, killed?”

As the night came, I hid in places, any place unsuspicious, or that could conceal me for the night. I thought of trees, bushes, walls — anything. I sat on a grassy area with trees. Strangely I felt peaceful, I felt one with the night sky, the cold air and trees. The moon and stars seemed to welcome me as a long lost native son. The universe seemed to say, “what are you afraid of, where have you been?” “You are

safe here.” I said, “What about thieves, murderers?” Mother Earth seemed to say “All is well.” I suddenly realized humanity is good, and that no one is seeking to do me harm, no bogeyman, no monsters in the grass, no fear.

The cold even began to be mild — No really, mild! I felt like some brave mountain man, or better like the first man on earth. You might say, “naive” or “stupid,” but I only mean to state that the earth is not, empirically, a dangerous place, and that it is our first house, place and home. We can actually live on and with the earth, have no fear. We are not hopeless chattel to be manipulated against our own true selves. **LONG LIVE THE HUMAN SPIRIT!!**



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Opioid-related drug overdose crisis continues in Washtenaw County and across the nation

On October 8, 2022, people from the homeless community and other civic-minded Washtenaw County residents gathered at Mercy House for a memorial ceremony. The event planners had circulated an invitation which read, "Join us at Mercy House in memory of those we've lost in our community during the past two years, followed by a Narcan training session." The second statement on the invitation said, "With hearts broken, we pray for healing from addiction while remembering and celebrating those we've lost."

About two years ago, another funeral service had been held at Mercy House to remember members of Washtenaw County's homeless community who had passed on. Most of the dead people who we mourned at that event died of opioid-related drug overdoses. Among the dead were young people in their twenties. We should understand that the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has reported that the average age of opioid-related overdose deaths in urban counties is approximately 28. For rural counties, the average age is approximately 26.

Some of the people we remembered in 2020 and 2022 had found temporary shelter at the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County building — The Delonis Center. Mercy House provided temporary shelter to a few of the deceased. Others tried to find shelters in homeless encampments located near the University of Michigan Hospital Complex and around city parks.

One of the opioid overdose victims in 2020 was a young mom to a pre-teen daughter. Another one was a young musician who hung out with a group of homeless musical talents. There was also one tall and handsome young man who suffered from severe addiction. Less than a year after the 2020 Memorial service at Mercy, another young man with huge immigrant dreams died of an opioid-related accidental overdose.

The 2022 Memorial ceremony was followed by a Narcan training gig by U-M Expert, Dr. Gina Dahlem.

Opioid Drug Overdose Crisis in Washtenaw County

Washtenaw County government's official website states that "Washtenaw County has seen an increase in opioid-related deaths. Opioids include prescription painkillers like Oxycontin, Fentanyl, Methadone and Vicodin,



WILL SHAKESPEARE
Groundcover vendor No. 258

as well as street drugs like heroin."

There have been approximately 80 opioid related deaths in Washtenaw County each of the past 3 years and the trend continues for 2022. Public Health Officers at the County's Health Department expect to release the final tally for 2022 in January, 2023.

In the homeless community, opioid-related deaths continue to grow. We encourage the County Health Department to support a supplemental report on the trend of opioid-related deaths among county residents who are facing housing insecurity and homelessness. The cities of Los Angeles' and San Francisco's public health departments have found that the homeless population has a disproportionate risk of opiate-related deaths. We know that the health risk factors include depression, anxiety, hopelessness, lack of access to primary care, housing insecurity, addiction and PTSD, to mention a few.

A September 13, 2022, report released by Washtenaw County Public Health stated that "82% of opioid overdose deaths among Washtenaw County residents from January 2021 to May 2022 involved Fentanyl." Fentanyl is known as the synthetic designer drug which looks like candies. The title of the September 13 report is "Opioid Deaths Increasing in Washtenaw County." It noted that Opioid overdose increased by 28% between 2020 and 2021. It also stated that the increase is consistent with the national trend since the COVID-19 epidemic.

Epidemiologist Shannon Phillips of the Washtenaw County Health Department said, "While these rates remained stable during the first year of the pandemic, we are unfortunately seeing a rise in our community's opioid-related deaths since 2021."

In September 2022 opioid-related deaths report, Washtenaw County Public Health Officer Jimena Loveluck concurred with Phillips. Loveluck noted, "Most opioid-related deaths involve Fentanyl, additional substances, or other drugs added to



October 8, 2022 Mercy House held a group memorial during the Saturday breakfast for people who died due to overdose in 2022. Following the memorial was a Narcan training.

illicit opioid." She continued, "People may unknowingly ingest fatal doses of Fentanyl or other substances, which can seriously increase the risk of life-threatening overdose. It's incredibly important to use extreme caution, never use alone and have Naloxone (Narcan) on hand."

CDC Recent Reports on National Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths

The National Center for Health Statistics is a data survey and analysis department within the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. On May 11, 2022, it released a report titled, "U.S. Overdose Deaths in 2021 increased half as much as in 2020 — but still up 15%." The provisional data has "an estimate of 107,622 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 2021, an increase of 15% from 93,655 deaths in 2020. The 2021 increase was half of what it was a year ago, when overdose deaths rose 30% from 2019 to 2020." Specifically, the report stated that overdose deaths attributed to Opioids increased from 70,029 in 2020 to 80,816 in 2021.

NCHS also wants the public to know that "overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily Fentanyl), psychostimulants such as methamphetamine, and cocaine continued to increase in 2021 compared to 2020." NCHS graphics show that there were 71,238 synthetic opioid (Fentanyl) deaths in 2021 and 57,834 in 2020; psychostimulants (Meth) accounted for 32,856 overdose deaths in 2021 compared to 24,516 in 2020; and

natural/semi-synthetic prescriptions caused 13, 503 overdose deaths in 2021 compared to 13,722 deaths in 2020.

Alaska has the distinction of receiving the biggest percentage increase for overdose deaths in 2021—75.3%. Data visualization, regional maps and national county-level maps show that opioid-related drug overdose and deaths are a national catastrophe. It has spread across the nation. A 2021 CDC report observed that close to one million people have died of opioid-related drug overdose since the 1990s.

Conclusion

Opioid-related deaths are a stain on our nation's democratic fabric. 75% of approximately 92,000 drug overdose deaths in 2020 were opioid-related. Most of the victims are young twenty-somethings. Many of the victims are white males and females. The victims are now getting younger. CDC's opioid demographics suggest that about 70% of opioid overdose victims during this pandemic are non-hispanic white Americans. Black Americans account for 17% and Hispanic Americans account for 12%. The National Institutes of Health report of September 8, 2021 was titled, "Disparities in opioid overdose deaths continue to worsen for Black people Study suggests." Our newest report comes from the Council on Foreign Relations. The report said that "since 2000, more than a million people in the United States have died of drug

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NIMBYs of Ward 5 vs. housing advocates: "There is a difference between safety and comfort"

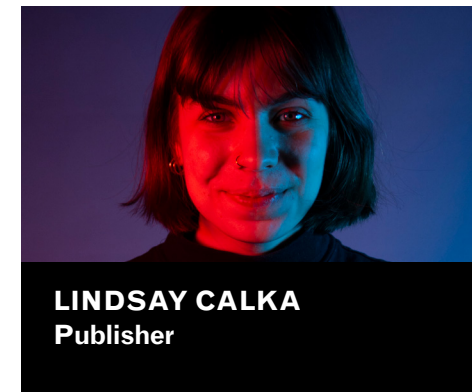
On November 7, Councilmember Erica Briggs held a virtual neighborhood meeting about safety in and around West Park and Miller Manor. The meeting was called due to the large amount of complaints and concerns Briggs received regarding two popular sites in the fifth ward: West Park and Miller Manor Housing Complex.

West Park is a 27-acre, multi-use park located in between Miller Avenue, Chapin Street, Huron Street and North Seventh Street on the edge of downtown Ann Arbor. Miller Manor is an apartment complex with 24/7 onsite supportive services, owned by the Housing Commission and managed by Avalon Housing. The back side of Miller Manor overlooks the north side of West Park.

The concerns about West Park, summarized by Briggs, were regarding "increased blight, safety/comfort using the North Stairwells and illegal activity." The concerns about the 700 Block of Miller and its adjacent neighborhood included "auto break-ins, trespassing, fighting, verbal assault, drug dealing and disruptions from emergency vehicles."

Ground rules were set for the discussion and panelists began their presentations. Q&A was to follow.

A representative from the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Department discussed the pandemic's impact on park usage, stating that both understaffing and less structured use of the parks has led to fewer eyes and consequently more crime. He acknowledged that the American Rescue Plan Act funds



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allocated to "activating" Liberty Plaza has moved people — who, I'll add, seem to have been already activating Liberty Plaza throughout the pandemic — from occupying one park to another (see article on page 3 of this issue).

A representative from the Ann Arbor Police Department spoke next, briefly presenting data on 9-1-1 calls. From January to September of this year there were 378 calls dispatched to the ward. One third were medical-related calls, one tenth were criminal offense reports (often for theft/larceny) and the remaining were disorderly conduct.

Jennifer Hall, director of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, spoke after. She began with remarks on the racist history of public housing and urban renewal in the United States. She included the specific history of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, which was originally organized by the Black community on the West side.

There are over 3,000 people on the Housing Commission's housing waitlist. There are only about 50 units available each year.

Aubrey Patino, director of Avalon Housing, closed the brief panel by bringing to light why supportive housing exists, and how the particular model of service-connected housing is successful in keeping people housed.

On any given night, she stated, there are 400 people experiencing homelessness in Ann Arbor. Throughout the year 2,500 people experience homelessness. A recent study conducted locally determined that Ann Arbor would need to add 850 units of supportive housing to adequately address the local need for housing our homeless population.

After the panelists spoke, complaints from residents of the ward rolled in. Most complaints were directed towards Avalon Housing for "crowding" poverty in Miller Manor instead of following "best practices."

One resident stated her disappointment with the entire framing of the neighborhood meeting. She pointed out that choosing to include housing advocates on the panel gave voice to conversations that unfairly associate homelessness with safety.

Hearing complaints and concerns voiced at the meeting, I am skeptical that exclusion of housing advocates would have avoided the association altogether.

It was clear that a neighborhood meeting was needed to communicate to residents that:

1. "The West side of Ann Arbor has been whitewashed," a comment from Ward 5 resident Sergeant D.S.
2. "These problems didn't exist in

such a dramatic way in the Black and Brown community because we were living together and helping each other," a comment from Ann Arbor resident Shirley S.

3. "There is a difference between safety and comfort," a comment from Patino.

The goal of the meeting was stated as "to ensure we have a neighborhood where all residents and visitors are safe and experience a peaceful environment all hours of the day, and everyone is welcome to enjoy the amenities the neighborhood has to offer."

All residents. What about the residents of the 700 Block of Miller, particularly the residents of Miller Manor? It was impossible to tell if dwellers of Miller Manor were just hidden behind turned-off-Zoom-cameras, or not in attendance at all due to disinterest or last minute invitation. No ward resident, who also is a resident of Miller Manor, spoke and identified as such. The slogan from the disability justice movement "nothing about us without us" came to mind.

If the political will does not exist in our community to provide ample service-connected housing, how do we mobilize care instead of fear to meet these ends? The meeting ended with weak advocacy directives to engage in Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events and activities and to donate supplies or time to the warming centers.

Building a safe, peaceful neighborhood for all will take more than a week of advocacy and one Zoom meeting. Still, they are good places to start.

➡ OPIOID from last page

overdose, the majority of which are due to opioids."

COVID-19 has made the crisis worse. COFR's recent report said that "Opioid addiction in the United States has become a prolonged epidemic, endangering not only public health, but also economic output and national security."

We can forge partnerships between governments and non-profits in order to find durable solutions. There is a role for the Federal government. There is a role for the state governments, community organizations, non-profits, businesses and higher education. Take-home Naloxone works. We encourage more

community education and Narcan training at community centers.

In addition to working hard to pass and implement the recent Mental Health Millage, Washtenaw County government has developed opioid-related overdose Solution Initiatives. It has organized community-based Families against Opioid Drug Prevalence, and it has effectively made it easier for any resident in the County to get an Opioid Safety and Naloxone package. U-M Nursing Practitioner and Associate Professor, Dr. Gina, tells her trainees that "opioid overdose deaths are preventable!" We wish to express our gratitude to the community leaders who shed light on the crisis.

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Sunday Worship Time
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Calling all Bernies and Bernadettes!

LAURIE WECHTER
Groundcover contributor

On November 5, three days before the midterm elections, Senator Bernie Sanders came to town with the youth-focused Get Out the Vote organizations, NextGen and Move On. My husband Ted and I had been drowning in the lies and vindictive fervor of right-wing extremists and were appropriately a bit depressed. When I first heard about the Saturday rally, I knew I had to go.

Over an hour before the rally there was a line from the entrance of Rackham Auditorium on Washington St. out to Huron St., and it grew and grew. Organizers from the Democratic Party to World Socialists worked the line with rhetoric, literature and stickers. I fully expected to see a bunch of Groundcover News vendors making a killing. Hope some of them did!

The Future is Now Tour began the evening with young speakers from the First Nation, DACA, Detroit Action, Un-Pac and the national youth organizations.

Inside, when Bernie was announced, the place burst with joy. I found myself on the verge of tears feeling the love! The man is everything one could ever ask of a statesman and has the charisma to match. He smiled, thanked the crowd, and then he spoke.

Bernie laid out the same policies

that he has been espousing for the past 40 years or more. He spoke of how a few corporations and investment companies control every commodity we need to live and how they are making record profits that are responsible for 50% of “inflation.”

He spoke from the heart about the many families living paycheck to paycheck who are one step from homelessness due to a car breaking down or someone getting sick. He reminded us that health is a right not a privilege in all First World countries other than the United States, and how prescription meds in Canada are one-tenth the price of medicines in the United States. The senator talked about the right of workers to have a union and earn a living wage, the right to have affordable housing and food, clean and safe water and sustainable energy. He also urged the audience to run for public office at every level.

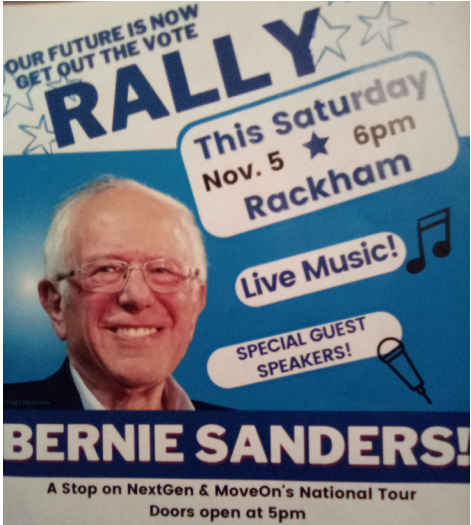
This man is so kind, brilliant, honest and, most of all, consistent. While his message is always the same, it is put forth with calm, humor, passion and love. He seems invincible. Unfortunately no one is. We need young Bernies and Bernadettes! This generation must save our earth, care for those who need help, fight the good fight.

Pundits have said there is a good chance Bernie will run for President in 2024. The man defies age. The progressives around me voted for Biden in the 2016 primary, not believing the



country was ready for such a maverick. In retrospect, I would say that Bernie had a much better chance than progressives believed. Trump was also considered a maverick and that’s why millions of voters saw him as a spokesman for their concerns. I will be more proactive next time in pushing my friends to dare to vote for Bernie Sanders!!

It was exciting to be at Rackham with over a thousand people, mostly students. The audience was appreciative and respectful. As Bernie spoke, you could hear a pin drop. When he raised his voice in anger the cheers and applause were deafening! Of course, there is only one Bernie Sanders. It was an honor to be in the presence of greatness. I have lived a very long time, but this will be something I will cherish for years to come.



Senator Bernie Sanders packed the Rackham Auditorium for his "Get out the vote" rally. He urged audiece members to run for office at every level.

Black student movement at University of Michigan

The Groundcover News November 1 edition featured my article “Gentrification of Ann Arbor, my hometown through the eyes of Shanty Wobagege aka Mike Jones.” In that article I wrote, “We need another organization like BAM to motivate the University administration to do something about the lack of true diversity on campus.”

The very same day, Black Student Union announced a Black student campaign, to this very cause. Isn’t that ironic?

I can only imagine being overwhelmed by the overly White and Asian populations compared to any other race on campus. As a Black person, it’s offensive and an insult to see a fine institution allowing such a disproportionate representation in the student body of this University.

According to the Legal Information Institute, affirmative action is a set of procedures designed to eliminate or



make unlawful discrimination among applicants, remedy the impacts of such prior discrimination and prevent such discrimination in the future. Some claim that affirmative action is “reverse discrimination,” which is to say that such programs discriminate against White Americans in favor of African-Americans.

There has been a steady decrease in racial diversity on campus since affirmative action was banned in 2006 by means of a ballot initiative. The

Supreme Court is now again addressing whether or not to abolish affirmative action nationwide.

The Black Student Union is calling for the University of Michigan to increase support and advocacy for Black students. BSU hosted a public event titled “More Than Four” on November 1. BSU laid out a four-point platform aimed to increase Black student admission, combat anti-Blackness, improve Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies, and to help make K-12 education more equitable.

Currently, Black student enrollment is less than 4.2%. BSU said that has not changed significantly from the percentage of Black students in 1970. Public Policy senior Kayla Tate stressed the importance of increasing enrollment of Black students and pointed to the University’s lack of support for lack students.



Less than 24 hours after flying campus with posters about the More Than Four campaign, posters were found torn down. The Black Student Union posted this image on their organization's Instagram to call attention to the anti-Black sentiments on campus.

Truth or lies: The Looker

It was two days before the final move out date — March 28, 1985. Steven had lost his one-hundred-year-old house. Steven had been working as a roofer; however, he fell from a three-story building. He broke both his legs and crushed L-4 and L-5 bones in his lower back. After two surgeries he could walk, but unfortunately he had a limp and his back constantly ached. Things could not be worse: his contractor lied about his workers’ compensation insurance coverage. His unemployment would end the next week.

Steven was sitting on his back porch contemplating what to do and where he was going to live. He was an only child whose parents were deceased. What was he going to do? His blood boiled with anger, and he thought, “They could have given me a chance to get the money! They don’t give a damn about people, it’s all about the money! They will all pay for this, the bastards!”

Then he thought, “I know, I’ll stay here and hide in the secret passageways. No one knows about them.” Steven planned to go to the job and steal the camera system he installed for that lying bastard. “Yeah, then install them here! That way I can know when to come and go.” He got up and executed his plans.

He stole the camera system that evening and installed the cameras in hidden places throughout the house. Then he moved his mattress, bedding, a small dresser, a small table, two chairs, some clothing and his personal needs. There were two electrical outlets in this small space. He wondered what the previous owner was doing with this space; he probably hid his mistress there. You could walk all around the house without being seen. The space circled the house opening into a small room. “Perfect.” he thought, “if the mistress could hide here, so can I.”

He planned to let everyone see him move out then double back in the midnight hours. Creeping down the block dressed in black, he was glad no one was out. Reaching his destination, he was elated.

Every time someone came to look at the house he would scare them off by playing ghostly sounds. People would run from the house in fear — it was haunted. The house made the local newspaper, and was documented as a haunted house. They bought into the act hook line and sinker. Steven laughed.

Things could not last forever that way, for this young couple, no older than 30, purchased the house. The husband’s name was Frank Walder,



the wife’s name was Sharon. They claimed the house was charming, and perfectly old. Steven dreaded moving-in day. His blood boiled with anger. “How could they buy my house!” he thought. “I’ll make them leave by haunting them, they are not ready for this!”

He stayed in the passageway observing. All of a sudden Sharon was alone unpacking the kitchen. Steven tapped on the wall behind the kitchen sink. Sharon looked up and all around, wondering where the sound was coming from. He then played a haunting voice saying “Leave my house alone!” Sharon was spooked and ran to her husband shaking, trying to explain what she heard in the kitchen.

Frank hugged her and walked back to the kitchen, assuring her things would be all right. Frank stood in the kitchen listening; however, he did not hear anything.

The weekend was over; Monday morning already, Frank thought as the alarm clock chimed. He arose and showered and got dressed while Sharon prepared his breakfast. After eating, he kissed Sharon and let her know he thought all was well, and he loved the house.

Steven was watching and listening, getting upset. “How can he love my house? It’s not yours, get out!” Steven said to himself.

Frank left for work and Sharon decided to finish arranging the house. Within 20 minutes Steven started again with the haunting music and voice saying “Get out of my house,” and rattling the pipes behind the bathroom wall. Sharon started shaking. She ran into the garage and sat in her car. After regaining her composure later, she went back into the house.

Sharon walked back into the bathroom. “What is this?” she thought, “I know that I just unpacked this box. How did all the items get back into the box?” she questioned herself. She then went into the kitchen to prepare dinner, but she kept hearing the noises.

Later that evening when her husband arrived home, she showed him the box. But this time it was unpacked

and empty. Sharon was troubled; however, she left it alone. During dinner Frank expressed his concerns about the house, asking her if she was happy. Sharon told him about the strange noises. Other than that she loved the house.

The next morning while Frank was showering, the noises started again — the voices and the pipes. He was shaken, but he could not let his wife know he was afraid. He knew Sharon was in the kitchen. She heard the same noises. When Frank came to breakfast she did not mention the noises. She didn’t want him to think she was losing her mind, especially after the box.

After Frank left for work Sharon decided to go to the library to research the house. Looking through old newspapers she did discover that one elderly man had died in the house; it was listed as being haunted. On her way home she stopped at the market, and two cashiers were whispering about the house — looking at her in a strange way, wondering how she could live in a haunted house. Hearing them, she politely asked what they knew about the house.

Both the women simply said that it was creepy, with noises that scared off every potential buyer except her and her husband. Sharon could not believe her ears. She could not wait to tell her husband about the house. Upon returning home she noticed the blinds and curtains were open in the living room. She had left them closed, but they were now open and her furniture had been moved. Now Sharon was very frightened. She left and sat in her car until her husband arrived.

Frank was late because he had stopped and purchased a gun and a tranquilizer gun. When he finally got home, Sharon rushed up to him, informing him how the furniture was moved and the blinds and curtains were opened. Frank grabbed his packages and his briefcase, and said, “Honey don’t worry, I have the solution.”

Sharon asked, “What is the solution for ghosts?” He replied, “If it’s a ghost we’re moving, if it’s a critter ...” he showed her the tranquilizer gun. “And if it’s a person ...” he showed her the gun. “I don’t think you can shoot a ghost!” said Sharon. She then explained what she had discovered

about the house. Frank said, “There are no ghosts, there is something else behind all of this. What’s for dinner, honey?”

Sharon ordered food from an Italian restaurant, since she was too scared to be alone in the house. After dinner they watched a movie before going to bed. Sharon was relieved that Frank was home with her. Just before bed, however, they heard scratching noises coming from the living room and a low-pitched moaning sound. Sharon was frightened but Frank went to investigate with his gun in his hand, determined to protect his wife. Looking around he found nothing. He returned to the bedroom, telling her there was nothing to be seen or heard. He held her all night until he heard a sound coming from the bathroom. He quietly pulled away from Sharon and went to investigate.

He had just missed Steven returning from getting food from their refrigerator. Steven could see Frank on camera moving about the house, so he decided to go over to the other side of the house and say, “Get out of my house” in a low voice. Frank heard the voice without knowing where it was coming from or what it said. He decided to return back to bed knowing he had to work the next morning. The next morning he asked Sharon to go over to her mother’s house and meet him back home after work.


Steven was waiting for them to leave. He had to use the bathroom real bad. The leftovers he had stolen had given him diarrhea. As soon as they left he rushed out from behind the wall in the living room, running to the bathroom. Frank had left his briefcase on the counter in the kitchen, so he went back home to retrieve it. He opened the door and heard the toilet flushing in the bathroom.

Frank rushed to the nightstand in his bedroom to grab his gun. “I will see if it’s a ghost or critter,” he was thinking while walking towards the bathroom. The water was running, then the door opened. Frank pulled the trigger without hesitation, and Steven fell down. Frank was shocked; he had just shot a man in his house, so he called the police.

Hi Groundcover mystery readers. Hope you voted correctly last issue. "Zachary the Spider" was LIES. Thank you, Felicia Wilbert, vendor No. 234.

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LOGIC PUZZLE

JAN GOMBERT, GROUND COVER CONTRIBUTOR

1. You have 10 stacks of coins, each consisting of 10 half dollars. One entire stack is counterfeit, but you do not know which one. You do know the weight of a genuine half-dollar and you are also told that each counterfeit coin weights one gram more than it should. You may weigh the coins on a digital scale. What is the smallest number of weighings necessary to determine which stack is counterfeit?

2. The digits in the number 42 add to six. There are exactly six 2-digit numbers with this property: 15, 24, 33, 42, 51, and 60. How many 3-digit numbers exist for which the sum of the digits is six?

3. A snail is at the bottom of a well 30 feet deep. It can crawl upward 3 feet in one day, but at night it sleeps and slides back 2 feet. How long does it take the snail to crawl out of the well?

Pumpkin chickpea curry

BEN FOSTER

Groundcover contributor

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons of neutral oil
1 onion, chopped
2 jalapenos (leave seeds in for heat, omit if preferred), thinly sliced
1 bay leaf
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons garam masala
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
2 cans (15oz) chickpeas, rinsed
1 can (13.5oz) of coconut milk
1 can (13.5oz) of pumpkin puree
1 1/2 teaspoon of salt
Bunch of cilantro, chopped
Juice from 1 lime



Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in lime juice to taste.

4. Serve over basmati rice or couscous. If you like, top with chopped cilantro and more lime wedges on the side.

Perfect for when you have left over cans of pumpkin puree but are sick of eating sweets after the holidays!

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a large skillet. Stir in onion, jalapeno, bay leaf.

2. Mix in garlic and ginger and cook until fragrant, about 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in garam masala, cumin and tumeric.

3. Stir in chickpeas, coconut milk, pumpkin, 1/2 cup of water and salt.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Francis PAC.
Turkey and all the fixins, homemade cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetable and of course pumpkin pie with whip cream.

9:15 a.m. Mass (in church)

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Logic puzzle solutions: 1. One weighing. Pick one coin from the first stack, two from the second, three from the third, etc. and put all 55 coins on the scale. If the weight is n grams more than what 55 genuine coins would weigh, then stack n is counterfeit. 2. 21 numbers. One begins with 6 (600), 2 begin with 5 (501, 510), 3 begin with 4, etc. 3. 28 days. The snail effectively rises one foot every day, so at the end of 27 days he is three feet from the top. In the 28th day he crawls up 3 feet and is out.

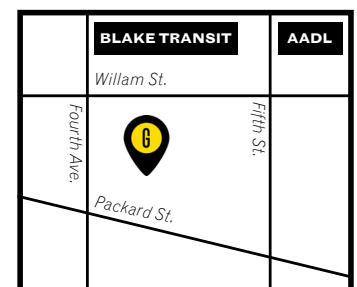
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